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| Fill in this information to identify your case: | | |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| United States Bankruptcy Court for the: | | |
| NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS | | |
| Case number (if known) | Chapter you are filing under: | |
| | Chapter 7 | |
| | ☐ Chapter 11 | |
| | ☐ Chapter 12 | |
| | ☐ Chapter 13 | Check if this an amended filing |

Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, "Do you own a car," the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

| Pa | rt 1: | Identify Yourself | | | |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | About Debtor 1: | | About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case): |
| 1. | You | r full name | | | |
| | your pictu exar licer Brin- iden | e the name that is on government-issued ure identification (for mple, your driver's use or passport). g your picture tification to your ting with the trustee. | Jason First name S Middle name Price Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III) | 7 | First name Middle name Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III) |
| 2. | use Inclu | other names you have d in the last 8 years ude your married or den names. | | | |
| 3. | you num Indi | y the last 4 digits of r Social Security aber or federal vidual Taxpayer atification number | xxx-xx-0887 | | |

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About Debtor 1: About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case): Any business names and **Employer Identification** Numbers (EIN) you have I have not used any business name or EINs. ☐ I have not used any business name or EINs. used in the last 8 years Include trade names and Business name(s) Business name(s) doing business as names EINs EINs If Debtor 2 lives at a different address: Where you live 7846 Euclid Unit 2 Chicago, IL 60649 Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Cook County County If your mailing address is different from the one If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it above, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any in here. Note that the court will send any notices to this notices to you at this mailing address. mailing address. 2120 E 97 Street Chicago, IL 60617 Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Why you are choosing Check one: Check one: this district to file for bankruptcy Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, have lived in this district longer than in any other I have lived in this district longer than in any district. other district. I have another reason. I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.) Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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| Par | Tell the Court About | Your E | Bankruptcy Ca | se | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|----------------|---|--|--|---------------------------------|
| 7. | The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are | Check one. (For a brief description of each, see Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box. Chapter 7 | | | | | |
| | choosing to file under | | | | | | |
| | | | Chapter 11 | | | | |
| | | | Chapter 12 | | | | |
| | | | Chapter 13 | | | | |
| 3. How you will pay the fee | | • | about how yo | u may pay. Typ attorney is subn | ically, if you are paying the fee ye | ck with the clerk's office in your local court for mourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check alf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or | k, or money |
| | | | | | allments. If you choose this opti s (Official Form 103A). | on, sign and attach the Application for Individua | als to Pay |
| | | | I request tha | t my fee be wa | ived (You may request this option | n only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a j | udge may, |
| | | | applies to you | ır family size an | d you are unable to pay the fee i | our income is less than 150% of the official poven installments). If you choose this option, you notical Form 103B) and file it with your petition. | erty line that nust fill out |
| | | | те Аррисано | ii io nave ille C | mapter 7 Filing Fee Walved (Olli | cial Form 1036) and life it with your petition. | |
|). | Have you filed for bankruptcy within the | ■ N | 0. | | | | |
| | last 8 years? | ΠY | es. | | | | |
| | | | District | | When | Case number | |
| | | | District | | When | Case number | |
| | | | District | | When | Case number | |
| 0. | Are any bankruptcy | ■ N | 0 | | | | |
| | cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate? | ПΥ | es. | | | | |
| | | | Debtor | | | Relationship to you | |
| | | | District | | When | Case number, if known | |
| | | | Debtor | | | Relationship to you | |
| | | | District | | When | Case number, if known | |
| 11. | Do you rent your residence? | □N | o. Go to li | ne 12. | | | |
| | residence: | ■ Y | es. Has yo | ur landlord obta | ined an eviction judgment agains | st you? | |
| | | | | No. Go to line | 12. | | |
| | | | | Yes. Fill out <i>Ini</i> bankruptcy pet | | Judgment Against You (Form 101A) and file it | with this |

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| Par | t 3: Report Abo | out Any Bu | sinesses | You Own | as a Sole Proprietor | | | |
| | Are you a sole pof any full- or pabusiness? | roprietor | ■ No. | | Part 4. | | | |
| | | | ☐ Yes. | Name | and location of business | | | |
| | A sole proprietors | ship is a | | | | | | |
| | business you ope an individual, and separate legal er as a corporation, partnership, or LI | d is not a tity such | | Name | of business, if any | | | |
| | If you have more sole proprietorsh separate sheet a | ip, use a | | Numb | er, Street, City, State & ZIP Co | ode | | |
| | it to this petition. | na attaon | | Chec | k the appropriate box to descri | be your business: | | |
| | | | | | Health Care Business (as de | efined in 11 U.S.C. | § 101(27A)) | |
| | | | | | Single Asset Real Estate (as | defined in 11 U.S. | C. § 101(51B)) | |
| | | | | | Stockbroker (as defined in 1 | 1 U.S.C. § 101(53A |)) | |
| | | | | | Commodity Broker (as define | ed in 11 U.S.C. § 10 | 01(6)) | |
| | | | | | None of the above | | | |
| 13. | Are you filing up Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Cocyou a small bus debtor? | e le and are | deadline operation | s. If you ir | idicate that you are a small but ow statement, and federal inco | siness debtor, you i | are a small business debtor so must attach your most recent b any of these documents do not | palance sheet, statement of |
| | For a definition o | | ■ No. | I am r | not filing under Chapter 11. | | | |
| | business debtor, U.S.C. § 101(51[| ss debtor, see 11 § 101(51D). □ | □ No. | I am f Code | | m NOT a small bus | ness debtor according to the c | lefinition in the Bankruptcy |
| | | | ☐ Yes. | I am f | ling under Chapter 11 and I ar | m a small business | debtor according to the definiti | on in the Bankruptcy Code. |
| Par | t 4: Report if Yo | ou Own or | Have Any | / Hazardo | ous Property or Any Property | / That Needs Imme | ediate Attention | |
| 14. | Do you own or i | | ■ No. | | | | | |
| | alleged to pose | | ☐ Yes. | | | | | |
| | of imminent and identifiable haza | ard to | | What is | the hazard? | | | |
| | Or do you own a property that ne | oublic health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs mmediate attention? | | | liate attention is why is it needed? | | | |
| | For example, do perishable goods | you own s, or | | | | | | |

Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

Where is the property?

livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs

urgent repairs?

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Part 5:

Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling

Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

About Debtor 1:

You must check one:

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

□ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

☐ I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:

☐ Incapacity.

I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

□ Disability.

My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

☐ Active duty.

I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

You must check one:

□ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

☐ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

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|--|
| counseling because of: |

☐ Incapacity.

I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

☐ Disability.

My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

☐ Active duty.

I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

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| Par | t 6: Answer These Quest | ions for Rep | orting Purposes | | | |
| 16. | What kind of debts do you have? | 16a. A | | | | n 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an |
| | | | No. Go to line 16b. | | | |
| | | | Yes. Go to line 17. | | | |
| | | | re your debts primarily busines noney for a business or investment | | | |
| | | | No. Go to line 16c. | | | |
| | | | Yes. Go to line 17. | | | |
| | | 16c. S | tate the type of debts you owe tha | t are not consumer de | ebts or business deb | ots |
| 17. | Are you filing under Chapter 7? | □ No. I a | am not filing under Chapter 7. Go | to line 18. | | |
| after any exempt property is excluded administrative exper are paid that funds v be available for | property is excluded and | | am filing under Chapter 7. Do you re paid that funds will be available | | | s excluded and administrative expenses |
| | administrative expenses are paid that funds will | | No | | | |
| | be available for distribution to unsecured | |] Yes | | | |
| 18. | How many Creditors do | 1 -49 | | 1 ,000-5,000 | | 2 5,001-50,000 |
| | you estimate that you owe? | □ 50-99 | | ☐ 5001-10,000 | | ☐ 50,001-100,000 |
| | | □ 100-199 □ 200-999 | | 10,001-25,000 | | ☐ More than100,000 |
| 19. | How much do you | \$0 - \$50 , | , | □ \$1,000,001 - \$10 | | □ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion |
| | estimate your assets to be worth? | \$50,001 | Ψ100,000 | ☐ \$10,000,001 - \$50 million ☐ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million | | ☐ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion ☐ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion |
| | | | 1 - \$500,000 1 - \$1 million | □ \$100,000,001 - \$5 | | ☐ More than \$50 billion |
| 20. | How much do you | \$ 0 - \$50, | ,000 | \$1,000,001 - \$10 | million | □ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion |
| | estimate your liabilities to be? | □ \$50,001 | | □ \$10,000,001 - \$50 | | \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion |
| | | | 1 - \$500,000 1 - \$1 million | ☐ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million ☐ \$100,000,001 - \$500 million | | ☐ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion ☐ More than \$50 billion |
| | | 4500,00 | r - ψ r minion | | | · |
| Par | Sign Below | | | | | |
| For | you | I have exam | nined this petition, and I declare ur | nder penalty of perjury | that the information | n provided is true and correct. |
| | | | osen to file under Chapter 7, I am a es Code. I understand the relief av | | | er Chapter 7, 11,12, or 13 of title 11, to proceed under Chapter 7. |
| | | | ey represents me and I did not pay have obtained and read the notic | | | attorney to help me fill out this |
| | | I request rel | lief in accordance with the chapter | of title 11, United Sta | ites Code, specified | in this petition. |
| | | bankruptcy and 3571. | case can result in fines up to \$250 | | | perty by fraud in connection with a or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, |
| | | /s/ Jason S Jason S P | | Sign | ature of Debtor 2 | |
| | | Signature of | | - | | |
| | | Executed or | | Exec | cuted on | |
| | | | MM / DD / YYYY | | MM / DD | / YYYY |

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For your attorney, if you are represented by one

If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page. I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

| /s/ Mehul D. Desai | Date | February 13, 2018 |
|--|---------------|---------------------------|
| Signature of Attorney for Debtor | | MM / DD / YYYY |
| Mehul D. Desai | | |
| Printed name | | |
| Swanson & Desai, LLC | | |
| Firm name | | |
| 2314 W North Ave Unit C-1W | | |
| Chicago, IL 60647 | | |
| Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code | | |
| Contact phone 312-666-7882 | Email address | kswanson@swansondesai.com |
| 6290438 IL | | |
| Bar number & State | | |

Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

This notice is for you if:

You are an individual filing for bankruptcy, and

Your debts are primarily consumer debts. Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under one of four different chapters of Bankruptcy Code:

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

Chapter 11 - Reorganization

Chapter 12 - Voluntary repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

Chapter 13 - Voluntary repayment plan for individuals with regular income

You should have an attorney review your decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of chapter.

| Chapter 7: | Liquidation |
|------------|--------------------|
| \$245 | filing fee |
| \$75 | administrative fee |
| + \$15 | trustee surcharge |
| \$335 | total fee |

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial difficulty preventing them from paying their debts and who are willing to allow their nonexempt property to be used to pay their creditors. The primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist for particular debts, and liens on property may still be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and you receive a discharge, some debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible to pay:

most taxes;

most student loans;

domestic support and property settlement obligations;

most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

fraud or theft:

fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;

intentional injuries that you inflicted; and

death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A–1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A–2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form —the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A–2). The calculations on the form— sometimes called the *Means Test*—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

Chapter 11: Reorganization

\$1,167 filing fee

+ \$550 administrative fee

\$1,717 total fee

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.

Read These Important Warnings

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

| | \$200 | filing fee |
|---|-------|--------------------|
| + | \$75 | administrative fee |
| | \$275 | total fee |

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income

| | \$235 | filing fee |
|---|-------|--------------------|
| + | \$75 | administrative fee |
| · | \$310 | total fee |

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

domestic support obligations,

most student loans,

certain taxes,

debts for fraud or theft,

debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,

most criminal fines and restitution obligations,

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,

certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and

certain long-term secured debts.

Warning: File Your Forms on Time

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to: http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_forms.html#procedure.

Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences

If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Make sure the court has your mailing address

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days *before* you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from: http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc_approved.html

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to: http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/Bankruptcy/Bankruptcy/BankruptcyResources/ApprovedCredit AndDebtCounselors.aspx.

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list. Aargon Agency 8668 Spring Mountain Rd Las Vegas, NV 89117

Aargon Agency Attn: Bankruptcy Department 8668 Spring Mountain Rd Las Vegas, NV 89117

Account Resolution Corp 700 Goddard Ave Chesterfield, MO 63005

Bureau of Accout Managment 3607 Rosemont Ave Ste 50 Camp Hill, PA 17011

Bureau of Accout Managment 3607 Rosemont Ave Ste 502 Po Box 8875 Camp Hill, PA 17001

Caine & Weiner Po Box 5010 Woodland Hills, CA 91365

Caine & Weiner Attn: Bankruptcy 21210 Erwin St Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Capital One Auto Finance 3901 Dallas Pkwy Plano, TX 75093

Capital One Auto Finance Attn: General Correspondence/Bankruptcy Po Box 30285 Salt Lake City, UT 84130

Citicards Cbna Po Box 6241 Sioux Falls, SD 57117 Citicards Cbna Citicorp Credit Svc/Centralized Bankrupt Po Box 790040 Saint Louis, MO 63179

City of Chicago Dept of Finance c/o Arnold Scott Harris, PC 111 W Jackson Blvd Ste 400 Chicago, IL 60604

Consumer Collection Pob 1839 Maryland Heights, MO 63043

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